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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated June 24, 2009, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted for entry and consideration. The Action set a 3 month shortened statutory period for reply. A petition for a 1 month extension of time is attached herewith, making this paper due Monday, October 26, 2009. This reply is timely filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.